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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$177,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO— The city of San Andreas, the University of California, Davis, and the Department of Corrections' Deuel Vocational Institution (DVI), face penalties of \$33,000, \$78,000, and \$66,000 respectively for numerous violations of permitted effluent limits at their wastewater treatment plants.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for each of these three facilities. The Complaints may be considered at the Central Valley Water Board's regular public meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.

San Andreas faces \$33,000 in MMPs for violating the limits of its effluent discharge permit during the period from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2008. The city violated the effluent limitations for BOD, pH, total coliform organisms, settleable solids, and total suspended solids. The facility seasonally discharges treated wastewater to the North Fork of the Calaveras River. The city is classified as a small community with a financial hardship, and so may propose that the penalty be applied to a compliance project designed to prevent future violations..

The University of California operates a wastewater treatment plant at its Davis campus. The \$78,000 penalty represents the sum of the MMPs for effluent limitation violations that occurred from January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2008. The discharger violated effluent limitations for aluminum, chlorine residual, copper, cyanide, electrical conductivity, pH, total coliform organisms, and turbidity. Wastewater is discharged into the South Fork of Putah Creek.

The California Department of Corrections operates a wastewater treatment plant at the Deuel Vocational Institution near Tracy. The proposed penalty represents the sum of the statutory MMPs for effluent limitation violations that occurred from June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2008. The discharger violated the effluent limitations for residual chlorine, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, oil and grease, tetrachloroethene, and trichloroethene. The wastewater is discharged to Deuel Drain, a tributary to Paradise Cut and Old River, which are part of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider all the Complaints at its regular public board meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.

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